

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 26 August 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Bradford (USIA), Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Melbourne

1. Laos

Mr. Murphy outlined for the Board the results of the inter-agency meetings held Monday to decide on U. S. action in connection with the Laos crisis. He, supported by the DCI and Mr. Riddleberger, expressed the opinion that worthwhile decisions had resulted. In this connection, Mr. Murphy said that he believed the President's statement made at the press conference on Tuesday should be supported and expanded on by other elements of the Government as appropriate.

2. Financial Situation in Brazil

Mr. Harr inquired as to the current economic situation in Brazil and asked particularly if any of the other members thought a crisis was impending. The consensus of the Board was that at least for the next few months the situation will not approach a crisis.

3. Khrushchev Visit

Mr. Gray asked the Board's opinion of publicizing during Khrushchev's visit to this country the ties between the Soviet Government and the Communist Party of the United States. The general reaction was that this would not be a particularly useful exercise, but Mr. Murphy undertook to have the intelligence components of the State Department look into the facts.


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Director

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